COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

MOTION TO ADJUST RATES IN)
ACCORDANCE WITH PURCHASED)
GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF)
MARTIN GAS COMPANY, INC.)

ORDER

On December 20, 1978, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 7156 approving certain adjustments in rates and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates when the wholesale cost of gas is increased or decreased.

On February 8, 1982, Martin Gas, Inc., ("Martin") notified the Commission that its wholesale cost of gas would be increased in the amount of 22.53 cents by its supplier, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia") effective March 1, 1982.

Effective January 1, 1982, Columbia was granted an increase in rates. Martin did not file for that increase, which would have increased Martin's rates by 33.5 cents per Mcf. Martin has included the January 1, 1982, increase in this filing.

Martin submitted with its notice certain information in compliance with its purchased gas adjustment clause on file with this Commission. The notice set out certain revisions in rates which Martin proposed to place into effect, said rates being designed to increase the cost of natural gas of its supplier in the amount of \$46,454 or 56.03 cents per Mcf.

After reviewing this evidence of record and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

- (1) Martin's supplier has filed for increased rates and said rates will become effective on and after March 1, 1982.
- (2) Martin's adjustment in rates under the purchased gas adjustment clause approved by the Commission in its Order in Case No. 7156, dated December 20, 1978, is fair, just and reasonable and in the public interest and should be allowed to be effective with gas supplied on and after March 1, 1982.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the purchased gas adjustment sought by Martin be and is hereby approved to be effective with gas supplied on and after March 1, 1982, as in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Martin shall maintain its records in such manner as will enable it, or the Commission, or any of its customers to determine the amount to be refunded and to whom due in the event a refund is ordered by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the purpose of the future application of the purchased gas adjustment clause of Martin the base rate for purchased gas shall be:

Commodity

Columbia Gas of Kentucky \$ 4.887 per Mcf Southeastern Gas Company 0.140

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the information furnished this Commission by Martin on February 8, 1982, constitutes full compliance with the Commission's Order in Case No. 7156 and any other information ordinarily required to be filed under the Commission's regulations is hereby waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days after the date of this Order, Martin shall file with this Commission its revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 25th day of February, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 7156-S DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1982

The following rates are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Martin Gas Company, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the date of this Order.

RATES: Monthly

First 2 Mcf

\$ 5.1192 per Mcf

Over 2 Mcf

5.9192 per Mcf

Minimum Bill

The minimum bill shall be \$5.50, which entitles the user to less than 2 Mcf per month.